

Baynard Park Pond Guidelines For Home Owners & Landscapers

Scope

This guideline is being written to assist Baynard Park residents and their landscapers with what their responsibilities are concerning our ponds. Note that this document also applies to residents that do not live on a pond and should be reviewed by all home owners, renters and landscapers. The home owner is responsible to distribute this document to renters, landscapers and yard maintenance crews.

Water Edge Maintenance

- For residents on a pond, it is your responsibility to maintain your property to the water's edge. For residents that have buffer plants installed, it is your responsibility to maintain up to the buffer plants and they shall not be cut, trimmed or removed.
- Grass clippings, leaves, yard waste, or cuttings that may fall into the pond during maintenance shall be raked/skimmed out of the water as soon as possible.
- Any foreign objects found at the water's edge during maintenance shall be removed and discarded.
- It is recommended to keep the water's edge trimmed to the grass cut height but growth shall not be more than 24 inches tall and not extend from the edge more than 12 inches.
- No chemicals of any kind are permitted to be used at the water's edge.

Common Property

- Residents are not to plant, cultivate, remove, build on, install any devices or otherwise modify common areas or plantings on common grounds.
- Aquatic plantings are not to be chemically treated nor physically removed from the water's edge of ponds as this is the responsibility of the pond maintenance company.
- Swimming and/or boating is prohibited in all ponds.
- Golf carts are not permitted to be driven around or near ponds.
- For those properties on a pond, residents are prohibited from changing easement grades.
- There is a minimum sod buffer of 10 feet from the water's edge. Landscape accessories are not permitted in the sod buffer.
- Lawn maintenance chemical granules (Fertilizer, Herbicide, etc.) that fall on the street, driveways and sidewalks during application must be blown into the turf after application. This prevents chemicals from being washed into the pond drains.

Wildlife

- The ponds, streams and other bodies of water within Baynard Park are provided for storm water protection and aesthetic purposes and are intended for limited use as a recreational facility for "catch and release" fishing, pursuant to the rules and regulations established by State and Local Government and by the Board of Directors. Certain areas are designated as wetlands or migration and preservation areas and are restricted as to use by covenants approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- Residents are not permitted to introduce any fish, plants or items into the pond system.
- Residents are prohibited from capturing, trapping or killing wildlife. Residents may feed birds in approved bird feeders.
- Alligators are native to South Carolina and are present in Baynard Park ponds. Feeding, caring, taunting or playing with any alligator in Baynard Park is prohibited. Alligators are strictly protected by South Carolina law and when residents are found to have been feeding them, they must be removed and destroyed and residents will be fined.

Fishing

- Fishing is permitted on a "catch and release" basis only.
- Residents and their guests are permitted to fish in all pond common areas and easements.
- Baynard Park is a private community and therefore fishing licenses are not required and it is not necessary to comply with state, local, or federal fishing regulations.
- Residents should be aware that alligators are often attracted to fish as they are being caught.